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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF : :

RENZO BIGNAZZI ET AL : EXAMINER: NGUYEN, T. M.

SERIAL NO: 09/851,131 : :

FILED: MAY 9, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1764

FOR: PROCESS FOR THE SEPARATION:
OF 2,6-DIMETHYLNAPHTHALENE
FROM MIXTURES CONTAINING
IT

AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated May 24, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 as follows:

1. (Amended) A process for the separation of 2,6-dimethylnaphthalene from a starting mixture containing it and isomers thereof comprising the following operations:

(A) crystallization of 2,6-dimethylnaphthalene by the addition of a solvent and cooling of the mixture thus obtained to a temperature higher than the highest formation value

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